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Dear OUHSD Families,

The impacts of the coronavirus are touching every aspect of our lives and forcing all of us to find creative ways to adapt to this unprecedented situation. We know the disruption in normal school operations has created many issues and uncertainties – from childcare and meals to graduation plans and college preparation. In this letter, we will answer some of your most pressing questions as best we can.

When will school reopen?

In coordination with the Ventura County Office of Education and most other Ventura County school districts, **Oxnard Union High School District will be keeping our schools closed at least through Friday, May 1. Our new target date to reopen is Monday, May 4.** As you know, things are changing daily, so there is the potential that the closures could be extended beyond May 1. Yesterday, California Governor Gavin Newsom advised parents to prepare for the possibility that schools may be closed through the summer break. While that could indeed happen, we remain hopeful that conditions will improve enough to allow us to reopen before the end of the school year.

Will graduation and promotion ceremonies be held?

Like all of you, we want nothing more than to honor our students for their accomplishments. The thought of graduation ceremonies being cancelled is heartbreaking, and we will do all we can to make them happen. In the event that in-person ceremonies are not possible due to public health concerns, we will explore alternative ways to recognize our students for their achievements.

Will remote learning be provided for students at home?

Yes. We are currently working on plans to provide remote learning for our students. As you can imagine, this is no small endeavor. It involves the distribution of devices and hotspots (happening this week), training and equitable access for all students, including those with special needs. We plan to begin our initial distance learning lessons next week, so make sure your students are checking-in to their district accounts. Also, Southern California PBS TV stations are offering TV-based at-home learning opportunities for students from kindergarten through 12th grade. Additional information is at www.kcet.org/at-home-learning.

Will remote work be graded?

Our district is in the process of determining how to best grade students in an equitable fashion, while we are learning remotely. Teachers are encouraged to apply flexibility and understanding as students are confronted with the ever-

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changing, and challenging demands of life at home during the pandemic.

Are students required to participate in remote learning?

Once our remote learning plan is in place, students are expected to participate. We understand some families may have situations that make participation difficult and we are happy to discuss those situations on a case-by-case basis.

What's happening with SAT, ACT, AP and IB testing?

The College Board, which administers the SAT, has canceled the March 28 makeup and May 2 SAT test dates. The next SAT test date is June 6 with a registration deadline of May 27. The College Board is also working on remote learning for AP students and a plan to allow AP tests to be taken at home. The situation is changing frequently, so please see their latest updates at pages.collegeboard.org/collegeboard-covid-19-updates.

The April 4 ACT test date has been rescheduled to June 13. Please get the latest information at www.act.org/content/act/en/covid-19.html.

Information about the impacts of the coronavirus on IB testing is available at www.ibo.org/news/news-about-the-ib/covid-19-coronavirus-updates.

Will school meals continue to be provided?

Yes. Oxnard Union High School District will continue to provide school meals for all school-aged children, which are a vital source of nutrition for many students. Below is a list of OUHSD locations for pick-up daily between 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m.:

- ACHS, CIHS, HHS, OHS, PHS, RMHS, RMHS (Offsite) Garden Acres Water Company

(**Note:** Students may pick-up meals at any school and may also pick-up meals from our elementary district partners, including Rio Vista M.S.)

A list of meal pickup locations and times throughout Ventura County is available at www.vcoe.org/meals or www.vcoe.org/comida.

Will schools provide childcare?

We're aware that school closures present serious childcare challenges for many families. However, the point of closing the schools is to protect students from exposure to the coronavirus and to slow its spread. This social distancing is for the greater good of our communities. Using schools as childcare locations would defeat the purpose of the closures, so we will not be offering childcare at our pre-school sites at this time.

Please know there are dedicated teachers, administrators and support staff working hard to provide for our students' academic needs and overall wellbeing during these challenging times. This situation is evolving rapidly, and we will continue to share new information with you as we have it. For the latest updates, please visit our website at www.oxnardunion.org

In service,



Penelope A. DeLeon, Superintendent
Oxnard Union High School District